

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Aftermath of Christmas—Independence Square Auxiliary of Red Cross Plans Interesting Afternoon—Saturday Evening Committee Class

OF COURSE, when the mail arrived yesterday morning, you nearly passed out to receive a card from "Jack," to whom you had sent none. And, good gracious! there was a handkerchief from Marion and you did not send her a thing! Now, wasn't that dear of Caroline! and you only sent her a calendar; and, good night! look at that old card from Mary, isn't she funny, why you sent her a hand-made collar! It sounds awful, doesn't it, but isn't it true? IT IS!

Well, I suppose every one is guffing after a Christmas dinner of turkeys at fifty cents a pound! It certainly was a so-called price, wasn't it? But, all things being equal, it was certainly good! And after a day when we all tried to forget that we are at war, and in a very terrible war, that we are ready once more to take up the work at hand and help to "carry on."

The Independence Square Auxiliary of the Red Cross has planned an interesting afternoon for January's first Monday, Monday, you know, is the day set aside by that energetic auxiliary to have the workers addressed by well-known and prominent men and women who are in the thick of things, whether at home or abroad. Isaac Marzocan, who has just returned from a tour of the devastated towns and homes, will address the workers on the 7th, and will tell of the horrors and devastation he has seen "over there." Although Mr. Marzocan is one of the highest-price speakers of the present day, he has consented to talk gratuitously to the workers at Independence Square Auxiliary. So that's something to look forward to next year, isn't it?

THE overseas committee of the Emergency Aid is looking forward to doubly busy days in order to fill the great demand for a new garment Mrs. Harry Blinn has been perfecting for the comfort of the boys. These are called anti-vermin jackets, and are made of the very best cheesecloth. They are around the neck, wrist and waist and are worn right next to the skin underneath the shirt. There is a certain quality in the cheesecloth that prevents the "cooties," as the Tommies call them, from going through. It is advised by a captain that served in the Boer War that each man should have two jackets, so that the one just worn may be taken off and a fresh one put on, thus relieving the soldier for some little time. These jackets are sold for sixty cents and the proceeds will be given to the chocolate, jam and tobacco fund for soldiers. Already an order has been received for 100 jackets, to be put in the kit bags sent to France. The overseas committee consists of the following women: Mrs. Gardner Cassatt, Mrs. William J. Clotter, Jr., Mrs. William S. Ellis, Mrs. Harry Blinn, Mrs. Frederic P. Kennedy, Mrs. Charles M. Lou, Mrs. A. Edward Newton, Mrs. Robert E. Strawbridge, Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Mrs. Kent Williams, Miss Marie Louise Caldwell and Mrs. Howard Pannock.

There are also vests made of old kid gloves for sale. This money is to go toward buying musical instruments for our colored regiments.

PERSONS who live in the wilds of the country do have a hard time to entertain in this kind of weather. I hear that Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sapporata gave a house party a fortnight ago and had a real, real blizzard. You know Mrs. Sapporata was Bessie Siminick until her marriage last summer. They live right in the heart of the hunting country—Hartford County, Maryland. Well, they planned this wonderful hunting party and expected to have a glorious time, when the snow arrived and spoiled everything. They were literally "snowbound" and the guests had "some" time to get home. Mrs. Jack Valentine was there and just had to get home, as she had to leave on Christmas Day for San Diego, Cal., where she has taken a bungalow to be near Captain Valentine, who is stationed at Camp Kearny, about fifteen miles from San Diego. Mrs. Valentine's two hunters had to walk home, as the boats were not running and the train would not take horses. Some joy that! Living in the country with a vengeance! I should say.

AND every day one hears of new wedding dates. There was Ethel Lewis, whose engagement to Lieutenant Dole, of Concord, N. H., was announced last Friday, and, lo and behold! you! before we had time to breathe after hearing that news, we hear she was married to him next day. Lieutenant Dole is stationed at Camp Upton and was able to obtain leave for the ceremony at that time.

And now Nancy Tunia is to marry Lieutenant Ross Whittle, of Boston, on Saturday, and Edith Earle has decided to wed Ensign Alden Lee on February 2. It only some of them did not have to go away so far. There's Helen Borda, for instance, embarking for St. Croix, on January 9, to marry Tom Royster. I am glad she is going to be married, for she is a peach of a girl and Tom is a dear, too, but I hate to think of her going so far away. But in these days there are many partings, and when one parting is going to bring joy, far be it from me to bemoan it. It's just her friends, you know, who are perhaps a bit selfish to hate to have her go.

THE school set will have its innings tonight, when the committee class holds its Christmas cotillon. There are to be a number of dinners, and the girls are excited to death to know there'll be some men in uniform there.

Social Activities

Mrs. Henry E. Tidale has returned from Washington, D. C., and is a present visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Cartly, of Ingleisle, Ridley Park. Her husband, Lieutenant Tidale, is stationed at Camp Meade, and came home for Christmas.

Miss Catherine McCarthy is home from Trinity College and has brought as her guest for vacation days Miss Frances Morton Dillip, of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Wright, with their small daughter, Miss Phyllis Wright, of Cleveland, O., are visiting Mrs. Wright's

parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Hoban, 1809 South Broad street, for the holidays.

Miss Rose Freney, of Oak Lane, has just returned from a visit to Augusta, Ga., where she was the guest of Miss Louise O'Dowd.

Miss Eleanor Crosby, 2314 North Broad street, has been visiting in Augusta for the last month.

Friends of Mr. J. Wallace Halporell will regret to hear that he is very ill with neuralgia at his apartment at the Wellington, Nineteenth and Walnut streets.

Lieutenant Charles C. Watt, Jr., arrived home on Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Watt, 5163 Walnut avenue, Brynmawr. Lieutenant Watt has been down at Fort Oglethorpe since arriving and is now in command of Field Hospital No. 22 at Camp Croftland.

A dance was given on Thursday evening at the Commodore Hall, 2156 North Broad street, by Miss Rose Brander and Miss Mary O'Connell, in honor of Miss Sarah Galloway and Mr. Benjamin Harris, who were married on Sunday.

Among those present were Miss Rose August, Miss Mary McLaughlin, Miss Ida Klein, Miss Ida C. Bernstein, Miss Esther Fox, Miss Augusta Goldstein, Miss Marie Carthy, Mr. Jack Diamond, Mr. Maurice Tashler, Mr. John G. Gorman, Mr. Lester Cherry, Mr. Robert B. M., Mr. Sidney Deaver, Mr. Jack James, Mr. Benjamin Thurwell, Mr. Louis Todd, Mr. Morris Weiss, Mr. Harry Pichow, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harris, Miss Gertrude Dolbin, Mr. Sylvester and Mrs. Morton Block.

The second annual Philadelphia combined fraternal and society dance will be held at Mercantile Hall on Saturday evening and promises to be a great success.

Fraternalism and sororities represented in the function are: Sigma Alpha Pi, Phi Pi Alpha, Beta Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Psi, Sigma Delta, Alpha Phi, Tau Tau Tong, La Societas, Rho Delta Kappa, Omega Sigma, Delta Phi Sigma, Beta Kappa Gamma, Lambda Sigma Tau, Sigma Kappa Theta Sigma Epsilon.

Engagements Announced  
Mrs. Louis Carter Baker, Jr., of Bala, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Sophie Stevens Baker, to Lieutenant Edith Allan Hitehenshley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheoley, of St. Louis.

The engagement of Miss Baker's sister, Miss Sarah Andrews Baker, to Mr. John C. Bell, Jr., has just been announced.

Mrs. Charles Lederman of Camden, N. J., announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Edie Mae Lederman, to Mr. Clarence S. Adams, of Woodstown, N. J., formerly in the service of the U. S. Army, with the Headquarters Detachment, Fifty-third Field Artillery Brigade, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bannion, of Langhorne, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Elizabeth Bannion, to Mr. Arthur J. Turner, formerly of Pottsville, Pa. The date of the wedding has not been set.

Miss Mathews is the president of the Camden Chapter of the Phi Beta Psi, which will be represented at the society and fraternal dance on Saturday evening.

Miss R. C. McMillen, of 1514 North Forty-fourth street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marian Fardoe Mathews, to Mr. Arthur J. Turner, formerly of Pottsville, Pa. The date of the wedding has not been set.

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BRITISH CAPTAIN LECTURED IN OAK LANE  
Old York Road Red Cross Has Sent Many Dressings and Knitted Outfits Abroad

Captain David Fallon, of the British staff, gave a lecture at the Free Library in Oak Lane on Saturday on "Making the World Safe for Democracy." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Old York Road Branch of the Red Cross.

Captain Fallon is now attached to the staff of the New York War Magazine. He is thirty-one years old, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and a graduate of Dublin University. He joined the British army on November 19, 1914, and in the two following years saw service in Africa. During the war he has fought in Belgium and has received medals and gazettes. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for his part in the capture of the town of Ypres in July, 1917, after being wounded sixteen times.

The work of the Old York Road Branch has been a gallant response to the heavy demands of this war period. In answer to this special call from headquarters for surgical dressings the members finished and shipped 7000, instead of the 2500 apportioned them. This was accomplished through the untold work of the whole organization, which worked day and night for eight days. In addition, 247 knitted garments were completed.

An appeal from the chaplain of Camp Lee (Virginia) for help brought another big response of fifty knitted outfits, comfortable, socks and eighteen pounds of cake. A photograph and records were sent to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Still another appeal came from Major Grant in France for fifty-two ambulances. This branch has given an ambulance, together with 261 packages and 160 knitted outfits. The success of this organization is due to the enthusiastic and hard work of all its members, inspired by the tireless efforts of Mrs. Harry E. Asbury, the chairman.

NUMBER OF DINNERS BEFORE CHARITY BALL  
Guests at This Evening's Dancing Class and Tomorrow's Charity Ball Entertained at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. 1211 Kirk Price and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rush will be the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lewis at their home, 1211 Spruce street, tomorrow evening before attending the Charity Ball in Mr. and Mrs. Lewis's box.

Mrs. W. Reynolds Wilson entertained at luncheon today at her home, 1709 Spruce street, for her daughter, Miss Henrietta Reynolds. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Reynolds, luncheon for her daughter next Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur P. Klapp will entertain informally at dinner at their home, 1714 Spruce street, before attending the Charity Ball tomorrow evening.

Dr. and Mrs. George Fales Baker will entertain at dinner at the Bellevue tomorrow evening, when the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Beverly R. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis. Afterward they will occupy Dr. and Mrs. Baker's box at the Charity Ball in Mr. and Mrs. Lewis's box.

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Mrs. Leslie E. Clayton  
Mrs. Miss Elizabeth M. Hahsig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Hahsig, of 2154 North Thirty-second street, before her marriage on Saturday evening.

MISS GERTRUDE PANCOAST  
Three girls who will dance in the opening pageant at the annual Charity Ball tomorrow evening.

WAR BRINGS OUT KINDNESS OF HEART  
Young Girl of Tioga Sends Letters and Gifts to Soldiers Alone in World

Some years ago one of our essayists wrote: "We have reached a high state of development, but our advancement in art, science, education and invention is greater than our advancement in the art of kindness." This could not be said of us today, for the great war of nations has set free by expression the spirit of sympathy which exists deep in the heart of mankind. Whenever there is a call for kind thoughtfulness some one is ready at once to respond. Miss Dorothy Dinger, of West Young street, heard of a number of young men at the various camps who do not receive letters or gifts because they are alone in the world. With the resources of a true American young woman she started at once to prepare Christmas boxes, each one having some homey suggestion to make the receiver feel that it was some one interested in him that had arranged the gift.

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OLD CHRISTMAS CUSTOM CARRIES  
Holiday Season Does Not Halt Activity of Patriotic Red Cross and War Relief Workers in Roxborough

THERE is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas, and notwithstanding the absence of many loved ones from various sections of the Christmas tree was abroad in our city and its suburbs. Glance, poultry and all the luxuries of the table were in the midst of their bright red berries, were placed in the windows and living rooms and Christmas trees made glad the hearts of the children. Roxborough citizens carried out the old-time custom of carrying a branch of evergreen early in the morning from door to door of friends and neighbors and giving the salute "Merry Christmas." The Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal and the Fourth Reformed churches held 6 o'clock services in the morning. At the latter the offering was devoted to the Red Cross work.

There were just a few entertainments before the great Christmas holiday, but a number of informal affairs will take place during the holiday week. Miss Sophie Lahey, of 1541 Manayunk avenue, entertained on Friday evening at her home. Her guests included Miss Josephine Westerman, Miss Lottie Marple, Miss Claire Reiser, Miss Marian Westerman, Miss Ellen Waldeck, Miss Ethel Lane, Miss Mabel Wittenberger, Miss Elsie Larson, Miss Gertrude Pancoast, Miss Patricia Parron, Miss Miller Hachebert, Miss Howard Schweitzer, Miss Marie Peterson, Miss Laurence H. Sanford and Mrs. Merritt M. Schell.

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WEDDING HASTENED ON ACCOUNT OF WAR

Miss Mary Holmes Married Monday in Wayne to Sergeant Richard Howson, U. S. R.

Owing to military exigency the wedding of Miss Mary Holmes and Sergeant Richard Howson, U. S. R., which was to have been solemnized on December 26, took place Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in St. Mary's Memorial Church at Wayne. The Rev. Mr. Schell, rector of the church, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Frank Putnam, pastor of Harbor Presbyterian Church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Arthur Lincoln Holmes, wore a white satin gown, simply trimmed with white lace and tulle, and a long lace veil, which has been worn by the bride's family for several generations. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Janet Lincoln Holmes attended her sister's wedding. She wore a coral-colored georgette crepe gown with a soft fluff of lace, and a blue and white bonnet with coral-colored bow and streamers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mildred Jones, Miss Josephine Oshley, Miss Caroline Reed, Miss Katherine Miller, Miss Helen Betts and Miss Louis Devereaux. They wore gowns like that of the bride, made of white blue georgette crepe with coral georgette neckerchiefs. They all carried old-fashioned bouquets of deep pink roses and blue larkspur.

Miss Francis Brodlicher, of Baltimore, attended the ceremony as best man, and Mr. Herbert Adams, Mr. Frederick Tomson Jones, Jr., Mr. Paul Sangree and Lieutenant Edwin H. S. R.

A reception for the bride party immediately followed the ceremony at Holmcroft, the residence of the bride's parents at Wayne.

HARRIS-LEBOWITZ  
The wedding of Miss Sarah Liebowitz, daughter of Mr. Simon Liebowitz, of 5212 Ridge street, and Mr. Benjamin Harris, son of Mrs. Anna Harris, of 2829 North Twenty-ninth street, took place on Sunday evening at Rialto Hall, 518 South Eighteenth street. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Levinthal. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore a gown of white satin trimmed with lace and iridescent beads. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor was the bride's aunt, Mrs. B. Weiler, of Germantown, and the bridesmaids were Miss Emma Liebowitz, sister of the bride, Miss Sarah Harris, a sister of the bridegroom, Miss Sara Stein, Miss Esther Fox, Miss Rose Brander. The best man was Mr. Myer Harris, a brother of the bridegroom, and the ushers were Mr. Morris Weiss, Mr. B. Weiler, Mr. Manuel Harris, Mr. L. Sobott and Mr. Maxwell Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will spend their honeymoon at White Sulphur Spring, and after their return on January 12, will live at 1942 North Thirty-first street.

Number of Parties Will Usher in New Year's Day  
A number of dinners, dances and parties have been arranged for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and the celebration this year evidently will not be affected by war conditions.

The next meeting of Mrs. Edw. Troth's dancing class will be a ball masque, which will be held on New Year's night.

There will be a large New Year's dance at the Old York Road Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calvert Carter, of the Rectory, Bryn Mawr, have issued invitations for a dinner-dance on Tuesday, January 1, at the Acacia Club in honor of their daughters, Miss Mary Ridgely Carter and Miss Virginia Beuson Carter.